

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Service List in Boston Edison Company, D.T.E. 02-80A

FROM: William H. Stevens, Jr., Hearing Officer

RE: Boston Edison Company, D.T.E. 02-80A (Joint Motion to Defer Evidentiary Hearings; Joint Exhibit list; Hearings Schedule)

DATE: July 21, 2003

cc: Mary Cottrell, Secretary

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On July 18, 2003, Boston Edison Company ("BECo" or "Company") and the Attorney General of the Commonwealth ("Attorney General") (together the "Parties") filed a Joint Motion to Defer Evidentiary Hearings scheduled for July 22, 2003 ("Joint Motion"). The Joint Motion did not propose: (1) a date certain upon which parties would file a settlement; and (2) a hearing date, should the Parties fail to reach a settlement, as directed in Boston Edison Company, D.T.E. 02-80A (Hearing Officer Ruling Deferring Hearings to July 22, 2003 (June 19, 2003)). In order to allow time for the Parties to discuss settlement, or, in the alternative, prepare for hearings, I hereby postpone hearings scheduled for July 22, 2003, and re-schedule hearings for Tuesday, August 19, 2003, at 10 a.m.

In the event that the Parties do submit an offer of settlement, I request that the offer of settlement include: (1) a joint request to move into the record of this proceeding all exhibits the Parties wish to include in support of the settlement; and (2) a joint exhibit list that identifies and describes the exhibits. I request that all written pleadings be filed electronically, pursuant to the methods described in the January 7, 2003 Notice of this proceeding.

In the alternative, if the Parties do not anticipate reaching a settlement by August 15, 2003, and are not prepared for the hearing scheduled for August 19, 2003, I request that, no later than August 15, 2003, the Parties file a joint motion to further defer evidentiary hearings. 220 C.M.R. § 1.04(5)(b). The joint motion must state good cause as to why further deferral is warranted. 220 C.M.R. § 1.10(4). The joint motion shall also indicate a date certain upon which parties will file a settlement, and, in the alternative, a proposed hearing date.